

## PREFACE

This edition of *Workforce Development Planning Information* (WDPI) contains an array of information useful to the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) for the preparation of Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) job training plans and the analysis of performance standards. Also included is information needed for the Economic Dislocation and Worker Adjustment Assistance Program.

Prepared by the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES), this WDPI publication is provided to all WIA LWIAs and their Workforce Investment Boards. The WDPI is intended to be used for program planning and evaluation, economic analysis and development, resource allocation and funding for effective job training programs.

The method used to generate the LWIA projections in this publication is based on decennial census percentage shares of the total county population projections<sup>1</sup>. This edition is based on the 1990 census counts. Users should be aware that while this method produces changing population estimates, the size of each entry in a table will always be the same percentage of the total that occurred in the base census year. While this method becomes less accurate as a decade progresses, this is the only practical method since inter-census information needed for more accurate prediction is simply not available.

Labor force projections employ a similar percentage share method. However, these tables reflect program-year estimates based on Research Administration's economic forecasts.

The Navajo Nation LWIA is now a multi-state area. Therefore, this report no longer contains a narrative analysis for this area.

Research Administration is ready to support WIA planning as needed. If there is need for additional information or explanation of the information herein, please contact Ron Simon or Chris Hedin at (602) 542-3871.

Technical Note: Breakdowns by age, gender, and race are based upon 1990 Census proportions.

1) Arizona Department of Economic Security, Research Administration, Population Statistics Unit. *Population Projections July 1, 1997 to July 1, 2050* from the State of Arizona Demographic Cohort-Survival Projection Model approved by the Department of Economic Security Director, October 1997.